

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE

P.O. Box 2604  
Washington, D.C. 20013

MHQ-6088  
24 July 1986

[redacted], Chief  
Nicosia Bureau, FBIS

STAT

Dear [redacted]

STAT

Just wanted to explain why we are dropping Nicosia from the training program for the fall running. [redacted] have been extremely concerned about the security situation in Nicosia, and feel that in the current climate we should not send personnel there on non-essential TDY's. We consider the editorial training program non-essential so long as we can find another location. In this case, [redacted] is so promising that we have no problem with sending her to Bangkok--even though the training most likely will not be up to Nicosia's standard.

STAT

STAT

We also talked with [redacted] since his return from the Middle East. He tended to agree that we should be prudent and not send another TDYer to Nicosia until after the move into the new building. Our long-term goal is to continue the training program at Nicosia, where we have assigned personnel with training skills and where a new editor can usually get a chance to work on a crisis during his TDY. We will review the security situation in Nicosia later in the year in the hope we can resume the program as soon as possible at the new bureau site.

STAT

Hope you and Bev are enjoying yourself and getting settled in.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

STAT

Chief, Operations Group

P.S. We're still trying to resolve your daughter's passport problem.

FBIS/Ops/ [redacted] (24Jul86)

STAT

Distribution:

Orig - Addressee

✂ - MHQ file

1 - AC/DRD

2 - C/Ops

1 - D/FBIS